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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 8, at line 30 as shown below:

Figure 2 shows the starwheels 101, 102 in spaced-apart relationship, with all other parts of the device 100 removed for clarity. In the assembled device 100, the starwheels 101, 102 are rotatably mounted on a common axle (not shown) 200 (Figures 3-11) which extends continuously between the starwheels along a common rotational axis and passes through central holes 111, 112 formed in [[their]] the respective hubs of the starwheels. In the embodiment shown, each starwheel has eight petals 107, 108 and hence there are eight recesses 109 formed between the adjacent petals of each starwheel. In addition to the recesses 109, each starwheel 101, 102 has a series of notches 117, 118 at the root portions of the respective petals 107, 108. The purpose of these notches 117, 118 will be described in more detail below with reference to Figures 3 and 4.